

REMARKS

In the April 5, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-25 were pending in the application, rejected claims 1-25 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112; and rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-25 remain in the case. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 for indefiniteness due to the use of the term "desensitization". All occurrences of this word have been changed to --deterioration of radar sensitivity-- to clarify the claims. It is submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the amended wording is consistent with the intended meaning based on the description of the invention in the specification.

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 25 has been amended to use language based on the Guidelines in MPEP § 2106. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any remaining questions regarding the meaning of words or the subject matter recited in the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to arrange an Examiner Interview to expedite the process of finding acceptable language.

It is submitted that claims 1-25 meet all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, second paragraph. Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-25 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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